

HOUSE BILL 2584
By Pruitt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, relative to aid to families with dependent children recipients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to invest in the self-sufficiency of aid to families with dependent children recipients.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of this act, a low-income entrepreneur is one who is starting or expanding a business and who meets the eligibility criteria for receipt of aid to families with dependent children, or its equivalent.

SECTION 3. Low-income entrepreneurs will be allowed to escrow profits from their business enterprise which are not reinvested into their business into an account which will be placed with a micro-lending intermediary program and not be counted against their public assistance benefits until they accumulate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) over a three (3) year period of time. Under this provision, participating entrepreneurs will not have their benefits reduced and will not lose the supplemental benefits extended to them as AFDC recipients for the life of the escrow account as defined herein. Participants will have up to three (3) years to declare their participation in the escrow account program.

SECTION 4. This exemption can be reapplied for after two (2) years of not participating in the program for up to twice in a person's lifetime.

SECTION 5. Under this section, self-employment will be considered the same as seeking employment and meet the job component of AFDC regulations, or its equivalent. To

receive the self-employment exemption outlined herein, low-income entrepreneurs must be enrolled in the job component of the AFDC program and must be enrolled in a micro-lending program providing entrepreneurship training, technical assistance and peer support.

SECTION 6. A micro-lending program is one which provides training, technical assistance, and loan funds to low-income entrepreneurs to start or expand a business venture.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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